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SPECTRUM ALLOCATION
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the spectrum allocation in the Indian telecom sector compared with that of other countries; and

(b) the manner in which the Government ensures optimal allocation of this limited resource?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Spectrum for telecom sector has been allocated by different countries, taking into account their needs, spectrum availability, etc. Same approach has been adopted for the Indian telecom sector. The National Frequency Allocation Plan (NFAP) has been formulated taking into account international allocations and national requirements.

(b) Criteria have been evolved for allotment of spectrum to ensure optimal use of this limited resource.